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Dear Mr. Yardas:

Thank you for your recent comment letter regarding the document, *Developing a Draft Preferred Alternative* currently under development by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. Your suggestions and questions are most helpful in our effort to clarify and improve the elements to be included in the Preferred Alternative.

A revised version of this important document will be available by mail or from our Web site (http:\\calfed.ca.gov) by September 1, 1998. At that time we will also have available a brief summary of the comments received and the changes which were made to the document.

Again, we appreciate your help with the review of this important document.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow Executive Director